

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-25, and 27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 20 are amended, claims 13 and 26 are canceled, and claim 27 is added.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Claims 1-7, 13, 14, and 17-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kambayashi (USPN 6,157,809) in view of Gordon (US 2007/0089141).

The Office Action contends that Kambayashi discloses all the features of independent claim 1 (and similarly independent claim 20) except a step in which the receiver terminal generates at least one subsequent information request on the basis of the initial information request, wherein the subsequent information request comprises additional parameters, the additional parameters including at least a time interval; wherein during the step of receiving description data, the data supplied relates to audiovisual content broadcast in the time interval specified in the subsequent information request. Gordon is relied upon as disclosing these features and the Office Action contends that, "It would have been obvious for any person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Gordon into the invention of Kambayashi for the purpose of making the request more specific in including more information to it."

However, Applicant cannot agree with the assertion in the Office Action that that col. 12, lines 13-23 of Kambayashi relate to "a prior step of acquiring and storing in a receiver terminal at least one initial information request comprising an address of at least one audiovisual content description server" (see page 3, first paragraph of the Office Action).

This portion of Kambayashi describes:

The terminal information holding section 2d-3 holds band (channel) information selected by the user and currently received by the receiving unit 2a, standard time (terminal time) which is a base of an operation of the receiving terminal 2, identification information (terminal ID) which is proper to and assigned to each receiving terminal 2 at the time of manufacture, and

information (terminal information) indicative of a location of the receiving terminal 2, etc., registered by the user. ***The section 2d-3 may hold a return destination information such as an IP address in order to receive a return from the broadcasting station 1.*** (Emphasis added)

That is, contrary to what the Office Action asserts, this portion of Kambayashi relates to the IP address of the terminal stored in its part 2d-3 so that the terminal may receive a return from the broadcasting station, as described at the end of this paragraph.

At any rate, to expedite prosecution, claims 13 and 26 are canceled, and independent claim 1 is amended to delineate, *inter alia*:

... the method comprising:
a step of receiving in a receiver terminal at least one initial information request broadcast with audiovisual content, said initial information request comprising an address of at least one audiovisual content description server;
a step of storing in said receiver terminal said at least one initial information request;
a step in which the receiver terminal generates...

Independent claim 20 is amended to delineate similar subject matter.

Independent claims 1 and 20 delineate that an initial information request is broadcast with audiovisual content and comprises an address of a content description server. This allows the terminal to be able to contact the server without prior knowledge of an address to contact, which is not disclosed in, and would not have been obvious over Kambayashi and Gordon. Therefore, claims 1 and 20 are patentable over Kambayashi and Gordon.

Because claims 2-7, 14, 17-19, and 23-25 depend from, or refer to independent claim 1, and claims 21 and 22 depend from independent claim 20, they are patentable over Kambayashi and Gordon for at least the reason(s) discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-7, 14, and 17-25 are respectfully solicited.

B. Claims 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kambayashi in view of Gordon, and further in view of Legall (USPN 6,005,565).

Legall does not remedy the above-note deficiencies of Kambayashi and Gordon. Because claims 9-12 depend from independent claim 1, they are patentable over Kambayashi, Gordon, and Legall for at least the reason(s) discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 9-12 are respectfully solicited.

C. Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kambayashi in view of Gordon, and further in view of Kimchi (US 20020147814).

Kimchi does not remedy the above-note deficiencies of Kambayashi and Gordon. Because claims 15 and 16 depend from independent claim 1, they are patentable over Kambayashi, Gordon, and Kimchi for at least the reason(s) discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 15 and 16 are respectfully solicited.

II. New claims

New claim 27 is added. Claim 27 delineates, *inter alia*:

...;
an audiovisual content description server; and
means for broadcasting content and an initial information request comprising
an address of said audiovisual content description server, wherein ...

Thus, similar to independent claims 1 and 20, claim 27 delineates that an initial information request is broadcast with (audiovisual) content and comprises an address of a content description server. Therefore, claim 27 is believed to be patentable over Kambayashi and Gordon for at least the same reason(s) why independent claims 1 and 20 are patentable over these references. Therefore, the allowance of claim 27 is respectfully solicited.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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